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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for a client device of a communication system comprising: receiving a client provisioning document from a source;

identifying a device management characteristic from the client provisioning document; and

storing data based on the device management characteristic of the client provisioning document to a device management tree.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a client provisioning document from a source includes receiving the client provisioning document from a remote server over a wireless communication link.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying a device management characteristic from the client provisioning document includes identifying at least one of a URI parameter, an OP parameter and a DATA parameter corresponding to the device management characteristic.
- 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising appending the URI parameter if the client provisioning document only includes the URI parameter.
- 5. The method of claim 3, further comprising setting the OP parameter to a REPLACE status if the device management characteristic does not include the OP parameter.

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6. The method of claim 3, further comprising resetting the DATA parameter to a default value if the device management characteristic does not include the DATA parameter.

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7. A client device of a communication system comprising:

a provisioning and management framework configured to receive a client provisioning document, the client provisioning document includes a device management characteristic.

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- 8. The client device of claim 7, wherein the provisioning and management framework receives the client provisioning device from a remote server over a wireless communication link.
- 9. The client device of claim 7, wherein the device management characteristic corresponds to at least one of a URI parameter, an OP parameter and a DATA parameter.
- 10. The client device of claim 9, wherein the provisioning and management framework appends the URI parameter if the client provisioning document only includes the URI parameter.
- 11. The client device of claim 9, wherein the provisioning and management framework sets the OP parameter to a REPLACE status if the device management characteristic does not include the OP parameter.
- 12. The client device of claim 9, wherein the provisioning and management framework resets the DATA parameter to a default value if the device management characteristic does not include the DATA parameter.

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13. The client device of claim 7, further comprising a device management engine communicating with the provisioning and management framework, the device management engine being configured to update a device management tree based on the device management characteristic of the client provisioning document.